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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: THERMAL POWER PROJECT IN AUCKLAND AREA

REF: 76 STATE 310207

1. AUCKLAND THERMAL NO. 1 AS POWER PLANT PROJECT CITED REFTTEL IS KNOWN, WILL BE NEW ZEALAND'S LARGEST POWER STATION AT 1400 MW CAPACITY. SITE PROPOSED BY NZ ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT IS AT WAIAU PA ON MANUKAU HARBOUR JUST SOUTH OF AUCKLAND. POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL ON ECOLOGY, WATER AVAILABILITY, AND LOCAL AND REGIONAL PLANNING IS NOW THE SUBJECT OF TWO SEPARATE BUT CONCURRENT STUDIES. NZED EXPECTS THESE STUDIES TO BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER, 1977, AT WHICH TIME THE CABINET WILL CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL. IF CABINET APPROVES, FIRST 350 MW GENERATOR EXPECTED TO BE ON-STREAM BY NOVEMBER 1983, WITH THREE OTHER GENERATORS OF LIKE CAPACITY FOLLOWING AT ROUGHLY TEN-MONTH INTERVALS.

2. CALL FOR TENDERS WILL BE ISSUED DIRECTLY TO KNOWN POTENTIAL FOREIGN SUPPLIERS, AND TO FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN NEW ZEALAND. NEW ZEALAND EMBASSIES IN MAJOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES WILL ALSO BE SUPPLIED WITH DETAILS FOR DISSEMINATION. SHOULD TARGET DATE FOR APPROVAL SLIP SIGNIFICANTLY BEYOND NOVEMBER, 1977, NZED MAY ISSUE CALL FOR NON-BINDING TENDERS TO PERMIT NZED TO PROCEED WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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PLANNING AND YET RESERVE POSSIBILITY THAT PROJECT MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE REJECTED BY CABINET. POINT OF CONTACT IS NZED, PRIVATE BAG, WELLINGTON, TELEX NZ3592, REFERRING TO AUCKLAND THERMAL NO. 1.

3. WILL KEEP WASHINGTON AGENCIES INFORMED FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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